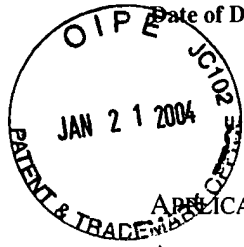


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

This is in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed December 11, 2003. With no extension of time, this Response is due on or before February 5, 2004 (the date set in the Final Office action mailed November 5, 2004). No fees are believed due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 19374-504.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.